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Chief Executive Officer

2012-2013 CIVIL GRAND JURY - FINAL REPORT

Attached are this Office's responses to the 2012-2013 Civil Grand Jury Final Report. We are responding to specific recommendations dealing with the following sections:

- Dual Track and Training The 2012 Citizen's Commission on Jail Violence Report
- Foster Care Hotline Investigation
- Detention: Adult Faculties

If you have any question regarding our responses, please contact me, or your staff may contact Frank Cheng of this Office at (213) 893-7938, or fcheng@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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RESPONSE TO THE CIVIL GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - Chief Executive Office, Public Safety Cluster

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 CIVIL GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR

Dual Track and Training: 2012 Citizen's Commission on Jail Violence

Report

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1.2

The Sheriff Department in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors must come to a decision about MCJ. Many of MCJ's issues are unique to this facility. If problems at MCJ have to do with architectural shortcomings, then funding needs to be provided to either rebuild or renovate the facility in accordance with current best practices. Different solutions may be needed for other large scale facilities like Pitchess Ranch or CRDF, as well as Court House Facilities.

RESPONSE

The recommendation has not yet been implemented. The County is currently in the development stages of the capital improvements process for a replacement central jail facility. Any proposed improvements are contingent upon approval by the Board of Supervisors (Board).

Should the Board approve such project improvements and authorize pre-construction studies and design services, the County's project development team will engage justice partners such as the Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney, Alternate Public Defender, Public Defender, and the Department of Mental Health in the programming and design process to ensure operational requirements are addressed.

RESPONSE TO THE CIVIL GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – Chief Executive Office, Children and Families Well-Being Cluster

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 CIVIL GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR Foster Care Hotline Investigation

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4.1

DCFS should initiate in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, a separate crisis/information telephone number.

RESPONSE

We are in agreement with this recommendation and will assist DCFS in exploring other Child Welfare jurisdictions to determine their approach to non-child abuse and neglect related calls.

RESPONSE TO THE CIVIL GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - Chief Executive Office - Public Safety Cluster

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 CIVIL GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR

DETENTION: ADULT FACILTIES

RECOMMENDATION NO.15.1

The Board of Supervisors and all affected County agencies should vigilantly monitor the additional cost to the detention system caused by AB 109 Realignment.

<u>RESPONSE</u>

This recommendation has been implemented. The Auditor-Controller, CEO, Sheriff, Probation, DMH, DHS, Fire, PD, APD, DA are continuing their collaborative efforts to monitor the additional costs caused by the AB 109.

RECOMMENDATION NO.15.4

The Board of Supervisors should promptly commit to replacing Men's Central Jail as soon as possible with a state of the art facility conforming to best practices in detention.

RESPONSE

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